से प्रार्थना-पत्र सरकार के पास विचाराधीन हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) सरकार इन आवेदनपत्रों को कब तक निपटाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में सरकार की नई नीति क्या है ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल मोरारका) : विवरण

(क) 30 नवम्बर, 1990 की स्थिति के अनुसार, महाराष्ट्र राज्य में चीनी के नये कारखाने लगाने के लिए 139 औद्योगिक लाइसेंस के आवेदनपत्र तथा चीनी के मौजूदा कारखानों में पर्याप्त विस्तार करने के लिए 11 औद्योगिक लाइसेंस के आवेदन पत्र निपटान के लिए लंबित पड़े हैं।

(ख) लंबित आवेदनपत्रों के ब्यौरे तब तक प्रकट नहीं किए जाते हैं, जब तक कि सरकार ने उन पर कोई अंतिम निर्णय न ले लिया हो ।

(ग) आवेदनपत्रों को यथाशीघ्र निपटाने का सरकार का निरंतर प्रयास रहता है ।

(घ) ता: 23 जुलाई 1990 के प्रैस नोट सं. 4 (1990 शृंखला) के अनुसार आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान चीनी के नये कारखानों के लिए लाइसेंस देने तथा चीनी के मौजूदा कारखानों में विस्तार करने के लिए निम्नलिखित मार्गदर्शी-सिद्धांत बनाये गये हैं :—

(1) प्रति दिन 2500 मी० टन गन्ना पेराई (टी सी डी) की न्यूनतम किफायती क्षमता हेतु नये चीनी कारखानों को लाइसेंस दिया जाता रहेगा । इस प्रकार की क्षमता की कोई अधिकतम सीमा नहीं होगी । गन्ने की उपलब्धता की दृष्टि से पिछड़े क्षेत्रों अथवा अविकसित क्षेत्रों के लिए न्यूनतम किफायती क्षमता में कोई छूट नहीं दी जायेगी ।

(2) चीनी के नये कारखानों के लिए लाइसेंस इस शर्त पर जारी किए जायेंगे कि 15 कि मी की त्रिज्या दूरी में कोई चीनी मिल नहीं है । आवेदक को गन्ने के विकास के लिए कोई प्रमाण-पत्र/स्वीकृति पत्र देने की आवश्यकता नहीं है ।

(3) सभी नये लाइसेंस इस शर्त के साथ जारी किए जायेंगे कि गन्ने का मूल्य चीनी में खांड की मात्रा के आधार पर देय होगा ।

(4) अन्य बातों के समान रहने पर लाइसेंस देने के लिए निजी क्षेत्र की तुलना में सहकारी क्षेत्र तथा सरकारी क्षेत्र से मिले प्रस्तावों को वरीयता दी जायेगी ।

(5) नये चीनी कारखानों को लाइसेंस मंजूर करते समय शीरा अर्थात् औद्योगिक अलकोहल आदि के प्रयोग के लिए डाउनस्ट्रीम एककों को औद्योगिक लाइसेंस तुरंत दिए जायेंगे ।

(6) 2500 टी सी डी से कम की क्षमता वाले कारखानों को उपर्युक्त किफायती क्षमता तक विस्तार करने के लिए प्राथमिकता दी जायगी ।

Kick-backs paid in getting Maruti dealerships

532. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Weekly Magazine "The Week" dated 9th September, 1990 under the caption "Monkey Business in Maruti" wherein an allegation has been made regarding crores of rupees kickbacks being paid to politicians and the company officers to get the Maruti dealership; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether in view of large scale criticism against awarding dealership

of Maruti Government proposes to review the dealership granted by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No dealerships were awarded by Maruti Udyog Limited during the period of the previous Government.

(b) The policy of awarding dealerships of Maruti vehicles has since been reviewed.

Firearms to people in Punjab for Self-Defence

533. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased "to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government plans to provide firearms to a large number of people in the militant-infested rural areas of the State for self-defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Punjab administration have requested teh Central Government for the supply of automatic weapons and if so, what is Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Under the Scheme for Vigilance Defence, the Government of Punjab have provided arms to number of persons for self-defence. They had also requested for supply of automatic weapons. A number of such weapons have since been issued.

Arrest of Sri Lankan Tamils in Tamil Nadu

534. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Sri Lankan Tamils were arrested in September, 1990 when they were selling AK-47 rifles in a village near Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what are the details of the action taken against them; and

(c) what instructions have been gi ven to the Tamil Nadu Government to prevent arms smuggling by Sri Lankan militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) According to a report received from the State Government, two Sri Lankan Tamils said to belong to the TELO Caders were arrested in a village near Rameswaram on 2nd September, 1990 while trying to sell one AK-47 rifle with some ammunition.

(b) Both the individuals have been detained under NSA and a case has been registered under the Arms Act.

(c) Instructions have been given to the State Government to tighten up surveillance of Sri Lanka elements and to have better coordination with Coast guard authorities to contain such acti vities.

Death of Sri Lankan Tamils

535. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees died when they were crossing the sea to reach Tamil Nadu and if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that twenty three decomposed bodies of Tamil re fugees were spotted along Thanjavur coast; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to protect the Tamil re fugees who were crossing the sea?